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SUBJECT: FRENCH COMMENTS ON KOREAN AND PAKISTANI NUCLEAR
SUPPLY SITUATION

1. IN THE COURSE OF U.S.-FRENCH CONSULTATION ON NUCLEAR
SUPPLIERS MEETING, GOLDSCHMIDT SAID THEY THOUGHT IT
WISEST TO PROCEED WITH FRENCH-KOREAN-IAEA TRILATERAL
UMBRELLA AGREEMENT, AND WERE PLEASED THAT WE HAD
DECIDED NOT TO REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF ITS CONSIDERATION
BY THE IAEA/BG; REJECTED U.S. SUGGESTION FOR CHANGE IN
LANGUAGE AS BEING TOO LATE AND HAVING NO APPRECIABLE
DIFFERENCE IN MEANING. GOLDSCHMIDT ALSO SAID THAT
THERE HAD BEEN A CONFIDENTIAL EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH
THE KOREANS IN WHICH ROK AGREES NOT TO BUILD ANY
FUTURE REPROCESSING PLANT OF THE SAME GENERAL TYPE, I.E.,
USING THE SOLVENT EXTRACTION PROCESS--WITHOUT SUBJECTING
IT TO SAFEGUARDS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THEY WERE TRYING

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TO USE THIS PRECEDENT TO PERSUADE THE PAKISTANIS TO

ACCEPT SUCH A REQUIREMENT (AT LEAST FOR 20 YEARS). HE SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PAKISTANIS WERE VERY DIFFICULT AND BY NO MEANS COMPLETED. THE PAKISTANIS HAD CLAIMED THAT THE GERMANS WERE NOT EXACTING SUCH A REQUIREMENT FROM BRAZIL BUT THE FRENCH THOUGHT THE GERMANS WOULD IN FACT DO SO IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR AGREEMENT.

2. WITH RESPECT TO OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE KOREANS TO CANCEL THEIR ACQUISITION OF A REPROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE, FRENCH SAID THEY RECOGNIZED OUR RIGHT TO DO SO AND WOULD NOT MAKE A BIG DEAL OVER THE MATTER, BUT THAT WE MIGHT BE SUED BY SAINT GOBAIN. HE NOTED THAT IF THE DEAL WERE CANCELLED, WE WOULD LOSE THE ADVANTAGE (AND THE PRECEDENT VALUE) OF THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS IMPLEMENTING THE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER COMMITMENT.

3. VEST NOTED THE SPECIAL SENSITIVITY FROM A NON-PROLIFERATION VIEWPOINT OF SOUTH KOREA, ISRAEL, TAIWAN, AND PAKISTAN.
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